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TO AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS IMMEDIATE

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FROM NEA/ARN DRAPER

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: SYRIAN JEWRY: PAROLES

1. WE APPEAR TO BE ON VERGE OF SECURING PAROLE AUTHORITY FOR UNMARRIED SYRIAN JEWISH WOMEN. WE HAD THOUGHT THAT WE SHOULD GO THROUGH PROCEDURE WHEREBY SUITORS WOULD FILE PETITIONS FOR FIANCE VISAS AND EMBASSY, DAMASCUS WOULD EVENTUALLY BE AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE THEM BY INS. THIS WOULD ALLOW EMBASSY OVERTLY TO SECURE BIRTH CERTIFICATES, SECURITY CLEARANCES, MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS, INTERVIEWS, ETC. IN A WAY THAT WOULD NOT AROUSE SUSPICION OF SYRIAN AUTHORITIES OR LOCAL EMPLOYEES IN CONSULAR SECTION. FOR VARIOUS REASONS, INS WOULD PREFER EMBASSY TO ISSUE SIMPLE B-2 VISA. THIS VISA WOULD, OF COURSE, BE PROFORMA, SINCE IT WOULD BE CANCELLED ON ARRIVAL AT THE U.S. ENTRY POINT, AND THE WOMEN WOULD BE PAROLED. A VISITOR'S VISA, HOWEVER, WOULD NOT
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ORDINARILY REQUIRE MEDICAL CERTIFICATES, ETC. AND INS WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THIS PRE-PROCESSING DONE IN DAMASCUS, IF POSSIBLE.

2. ANOTHER POSSIBILITY IS FOR INS TO AUTHORIZE EMBASSY TO PUT PAROLE LETTERS INTO PASSPORTS AND SKIP VISAS. WE HAVE NO IDEA, HOWEVER, WHETHER INS WOULD AGREE.

3. RECOGNIZE YOUR HEAVY SCHEDULE AT THIS MOMENT, BUT
WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S COMMENTS SOONEST, SLUGGED FOR
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